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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Jr., Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for **(1) amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2027, as follows: 505-2-.09, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.27, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.57, 505-2-.154, 505-2-.187, and 505-2-.199; **(2) repealing** the current rule in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2027, as follows: 505-2-.153; **(3) initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2027, as follows: 505-2-.153, and 505-2-.202; **(4) amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.05, and 505-3-.19; **(5) repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2027, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.02, 505-3-.76, and 505-3-.77; and **(6) initiating** the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2027, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.02, 505-3-.76, 505-3-.77, and 505-3-.115.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. **Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to RulesComments@GaPSC.com or mail to Rules Comments, Georgia Professional Standards Commission, 200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before December 1, 2026.** Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The GaPSC will consider the adoption of these rules at the December 10, 2026, virtual meeting of the Commission to begin at approximately 4:00 p.m.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Certification

Rule 505-2-.09. Non-Renewable Professional Certificate
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 Non-Renewable Professional Certificate, dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to align its Educational Leadership provisions with GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 Educational Leadership Certificate. This amendment removes Section (2)(b)3, which required assignment to a leadership position as a condition for receiving Non-Renewable certificate and revises Section (4)(b), which required an individual to hold both a Tier I and a Tier II certificate to receive a Non-Renewable extension.

Rule 505-2-.10. Permit
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 Permit, dated July 1, 2026, be AMENDED to align with the recent amendment to Rule 505-2-.187 by clarifying that individuals certified in Engineering and Technology may be eligible to add the Dramatic Writing Micro-endorsement.

Rule 505-2-.27. Certification Application, MyPSC and Test Eligibility Procedures
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 Certification Application, MyPSC and Test Eligibility Procedures, dated October 15, 2025, be AMENDED to update the rule title to Certification Application and Test Eligibility Procedures. It is also proposed that this rule requires Foreign Credential Reports (FCRs) evaluations to be submitted directly to the GaPSC by the GaPSC-recognized evaluation agency.

Rule 505-2-.32. Validity Periods and Dating of Certificates
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.32 Validity Periods and Dating of Certificates, dated July 1, 2020, be AMENDED to clarify International Exchange certificate validity periods by incorporating the International Exchange Conditional extension provided in Rule 505-2-.11, revised effective July 1, 2026.

Rule 505-2-.57 Teaching Fields
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.57 Teaching Fields, dated April 15, 2024, be AMENDED to update the list of Georgia certification teaching fields and endorsements to reflect newly established fields and endorsements. The revision also updates terminology and related references for consistency with current GaPSC certification rules.

Rule 505-2-.153. Educational Leadership Certificate
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 Educational Leadership Certificate, dated January 1, 2026, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. Consistent with Strategy 8 of SR237 and the recommendation of the 2026 Educational Leadership Task Force, the new rule condenses the current two-tier certification structure (Tier I and Tier II) into a single Educational Leadership certificate. Current Tier II certificates are automatically converted. Tier I is retained as a legacy certificate, renewable, with no new issuances to out-of-state educators through reciprocity after January 1, 2027. This rule change is part of a coordinated revision with GaPSC Rule 505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM and Rule 505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

Rule 505-2-.154. Superintendent Certificate
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.154 Superintendent Certificate, dated October 15, 2017, be AMENDED to update Educational Leadership field titles, resulting from the work of the Educational Leadership Task Force.

Rule 505-2-.187. Dramatic Writing Micro-Endorsement
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.187 Dramatic Writing Micro-Endorsement, dated January 1, 2026, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual certified in Engineering and Technology may also be eligible to add this endorsement.

Rule 505-2-.199. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.199 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement, be AMENDED with a new name of Foundations of Artificial Intelligence in Education Micro-Endorsement, for consistency with the micro-endorsement name established in GaPSC Rule 505-3-.114 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE for EDUCATORS ENDORSEMENT.

Rule 505-2-.202. Literacy Coaching Endorsement
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.202 Literacy Coaching Endorsement be INITIATED as a new rule with a new name and number to establish a new endorsement and prescribe the requirements for educators to obtain certification as literacy coaches.

Educator Preparation

Rule 505-3-.01. Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs
It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.01 Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs, dated July 1, 2025, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. Rule changes were informed by the Rule 505-3-.01 Advisory Council, which is comprised of representatives of non-traditional and traditional GaPSC-approved program providers. The new rule incorporates a number of new definitions some of which derive from the SR237 Strategic Plan, clarifies the definitions of clinical practice terminology, and updates definitions of existing terms; further clarifies the types of out-of-state organizations eligible to seek GaPSC approval; establishes requirements for consortium programs; clarifies expectations for EPP monitoring of candidate performance in programs; requires EPPs to ensure programs prepare candidates to meet the needs of all P-12 students, including those who are identified as gifted, at-risk, special education, and English language learners; allows middle grades programs offered at the baccalaureate degree level to require one, rather than two content area concentrations; adds Georgia Department of Corrections sites and Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) sites as acceptable field and clinical placements; clarifies field experience requirements for educators who are employed as a teacher of record while enrolled in a teacher preparation program; removes outdated assessment requirements; and clarifies requirements related to the Ethics Assessment. Other, non-substantive changes are proposed to clarify existing language.

Rule 505-3-.02. Educator Preparation Provider Annual Reporting and Evaluation
It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.02 Educator Preparation Provider Annual Reporting and Evaluation, dated October 15, 2024, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule addresses the requirements set forth in the Excellent Teacher Preparation Act (HB1107) passed in the 2026 legislative session.

Rule 505-3-.05. Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP)
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.05 Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP), dated July 1, 2026, be AMENDED to add the GaTAPP Expedition process as a method of determining candidate eligibility to progress more quickly through the program, to add Georgia Department of Corrections sites as an accepted employment setting, and to clarify accreditation requirements for employment sites.

Rule 505-3-.19. Middle Grades Education Program
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.19 Middle Grades Education Program, dated July 1, 2023, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session, and to change the content concentration requirement for bachelor's degree programs from two to one.

Rule 505-3-.76. Alternative Preparation for Educational Leadership
It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.76 Alternative Preparation for Educational Leadership Program, dated July 1, 2025, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates updated program content standards and program requirements recommended by a GaPSC task force comprised of subject matter experts and practitioners, including the SR237 Strategic Plan recommendation of collapsing the two-tiered preparation structure to a single-tiered approach, and adding to program content standards expectations for leadership of literacy initiatives.

Rule 505-3-.77. Educational Leadership Program
It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.77 Educational Leadership Program, dated July 1, 2025, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates updated program content standards and program requirements recommended by a GaPSC task force comprised of subject matter experts and practitioners, including the SR237 Strategic Plan recommendation of collapsing the two-tiered preparation structure to a single-tiered approach, and adding to program content standards expectations for leadership of literacy initiatives.

Rule 505-3-.115. Literacy Coaching Endorsement
It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.115 Literacy Coaching Endorsement be INITIATED as a new rule for the purpose of preparing educators to serve as literacy coaches in P-12 schools.

Adoption of Rules

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